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Amendment

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 865

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO UTILITY
STATUTES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 16-331 of the general statutes is amended by
4 adding subsection (i) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

5 (NEW) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (d)
6 of this section, the department shall not renew a franchise for a term of
7 more than five years if the department determines that the person,
8 association or corporation, during the term of the prior franchise, has
9 substantially failed to (1) deal effectively with consumer requests,
10 complaints and billing or service questions and disputes; (2) provide
11 quality and diversity of programming; (3) maintain fair and reasonable
12 rates for basic and extended basic service, and associated equipment,

13 taking into consideration the quality of service and programming
14 provided to consumers; (4) provide quality community access
15 programming, including public access, educational access,
16 governmental access programming and the Connecticut Television
17 Network or its successor; or (5) meet commitments for service
18 extension to customers within the franchise area. Nothing in this
19 subsection shall authorize the department to set specific rates for
20 service or associated equipment."